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In re application of: :
Keith E. Newman, et al. :
Serial No.: 09/887,289 : METHOD OF PRODUCING
: POWDER METAL PARTS
: FROM METALLURGICAL POWDERS
: INCLUDING SPONGE IRON
Filed: June 22, 2001 :
Art Unit: 1742 : Group 1700

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
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Washington, DC 20231

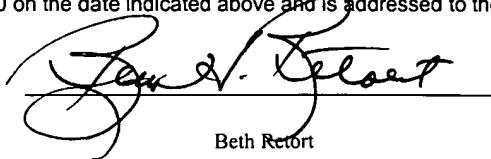
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